

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 10-16, 19-26 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-9 and 17-18, drawn to a product comprising Silymarin and Carbopol;

Group II, claims 7-9 and 17-18, drawn to a method of treating diabetes using a product comprising Silymarin and Carbopol; and

Group III, claims 10-16, drawn to a process of preparing a product comprising Silymarin and Carbopol.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II. However, claims 7-9 and 17-18 which comprise Group II have been canceled and replaced with new claims 19-26. Examination of these claims is respectfully requested.

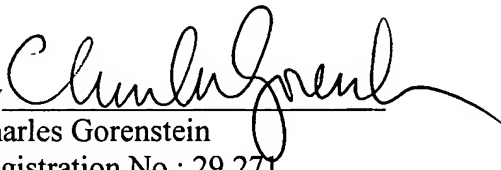
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein, Registration No. 29,271 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☒ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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